HOUSE BILL 759 By Bunch

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 41, Chapter 51, Part 1, to prohibit persons charged with or convicted of certain sexual offenses from being placed in certain programs or receiving a certain status.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 41, Chapter 51, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Section 41-51-104.

- (a) No person who has been convicted of an offense that will require such person to register as a sexual offender pursuant to the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 39, Part 2 and who is being housed in a county or municipal jail or workhouse shall be eligible for nor shall such person be placed on trusty status.
- (b) The provisions of subsection (a) are applicable regardless of whether the person is:
- (1) Sentenced to the department of correction but is serving the sentence in a county or municipal jail or workhouse pursuant to contract or is sentenced to confinement in a county or municipal jail or workhouse; or
- (2) Sentenced to a the department of correction but is being housed in a county or municipal jail or workhouse while awaiting transfer to the department.
- (c) The provisions of subsection (a) shall also apply to a person who is charged with and awaiting trial for an offense that, if convicted, will require such person to register as a sexual offender pursuant to the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 39, Part 2.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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